HOUSE BILL No. 1082

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-38-1.

Synopsis: Withholding judgment of conviction. Provides that in certain circumstances, a court may withhold judgment of conviction.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.





First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 35-38-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as provided in section 1.5 of this chapter,** after a verdict, finding, or plea of guilty, if a new trial is not granted, the court shall enter a judgment of conviction.

(b) When the court pronounces the sentence, the court shall advise the person that the person is sentenced for not less than the earliest release date and for not more than the maximum possible release date.

SECTION 2. IC 35-38-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1.5. (a) A court may withhold judgment of conviction for not more than three (3) years for a Class D felony that qualifies for consideration as a Class A misdemeanor under IC 35-50-2-7.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person for whom judgment is withheld under this section shall be sentenced as provided in this chapter and, in all other respects, as if judgment of conviction were entered by the court.



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1 (c) This section may not be construed to diminish or alter the 2 rights of a victim (as defined in IC 35-40-4-8) in a sentencing 3 proceeding under this chapter.

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